



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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APPROVAL FOR WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN – WESTLANDS STORMWATER COALITION

On 21 November 2011, Westlands Stormwater Coalition (Coalition) submitted a Water Quality Management Plan to meet the conditions of Monitoring and Reporting Program Order R5-2006-0053, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Waiver). The Coalition's Management Plan describes an overall approach for monitoring and management practice activities that will take place throughout the Coalition area, as well as site-specific Management Plan activities and implementation schedules for each water body and parameter.

The Coalition's Management Plan demonstrates a commitment to work with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) to improve water quality within the Central Valley including addressing salinity problems through participation in the CV-SALTS Program.

All growers in the Coalition are obligated to meet the conditions of the Waiver. Failure of individual participants to respond to requests by the Coalition will put their status under the Waiver in jeopardy. Any Coalition member that refuses to cooperate after a concerted effort on the part of the Coalition should have their membership cancelled and their failure to maintain membership communicated to the Central Valley Water Board.

In summary, the basic approach for source identification, mitigation actions, effectiveness monitoring, and outreach described in the Coalition's Management Plan is appropriate, and I am granting approval of the Management Plan. With this approval, the Coalition meets the Management Plan development requirements of the Waiver for those parameters and water bodies identified in Appendix A of the Coalition Management Plan.

It is fully anticipated that the Coalition will need to modify the Management Plan over time as new monitoring data and performance measures inform us about the effectiveness of the actions, and as activities for other water bodies need to be described. These modifications will need to be discussed and evaluated with Central Valley Water Board staff and documented in Management Plan updates. Any updates to the Management Plan will need to receive my approval as Executive Officer.

If there are any questions concerning these requirements, please contact David Sholes at 559-445-6279 or dsholes@waterboards.ca.gov.

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